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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the title, but before Line 1 insert:

--This is a division of application Serial No. 08/855,520, filed June 30, 1997.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 1-4, 20, 21, 23-25.